

Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County

March 13, 2006 meeting minutes

Attendance: Doug Ballou; Sue Lintz, E. Minnehaha; Charlie Lewis, East Minnehaha; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; Holly Gaya, CCPIO; Don Wastler, citizen; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds, Art Stubbs, Green Meadows; Ron Price, Pleasant Highlands; George White, Sunnyside; Milada Allen, Felida; Bridget Schwarz, FOCC; Steve Stuart, Clark County Commissioner; Dick Durland, Sherwood Hills; Jamie Allen, Felida; Jeanette Steinhauer, Heritage; Steve Douglass, Hertiage; Mike Cooke, CCSO; Linda Mullen, Columbia River Crossing; Doug Ficco, Columbia River Crossing; Kris Strickler, Columbia River Crossing; Jim Jacks, Governors Office

Meeting called to order by Chair, Doug Ballou

Introductions

Special thank you to Jamie Allen for the wonderful baked goodies.

Commissioner Steve Stuart introduced new Clark County Planning Commission Commissioners George Vartanian and Dr. Milada Allen and announced that the Board of County Commissioners approved an additional neighborhood mailing for each association. Commission Stuart acknowledged the value of our neighborhood associations and thanked the volunteers for their contribution to our community.

Each association now has the opportunity to mail three newsletters to every home within their association boundary. The request was initiated by Mona Moyer with the Pleasant Highlands Assoc. to Bill Barron, County Administrator. Those in attendance thanked Commissioner Stuart.

Additionally, Commissioner Stuart will begin holding town hall meetings. The previous town halls were focused on the geographical location of the event. This session of events will be topic specific. The first town hall is to talk about the current and upcoming environmental issues facing the county today. It is scheduled for April 13, 5:30-7:30 pm at the Salmon Creek Brew Pub located at 108 W Evergreen Blvd. Those who wish to attend should RSVP to Bob McIntyre. Bob.McIntyre@clark.wa.gov or (360) 397-2232.

Sue Lintz with the East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association invited everyone to attend the association meeting on March 14. The city of Vancouver representatives and Commissioner Marc Bolt are on the agenda to discuss annexation issues. The meeting will be at Walnut Grove School at 7 p.m.

Zita Podany, NACCCs web guru has established a new web site for Clark County neighborhood associations. www.clarkneighborhoods.org. Any association that would like to have a page on the site or more information, please contact Milada Allen

gaudeamus@earthlink.net who will put you in contact with Zita. Special thanks to Zita for her expertise, hard work, and contribution to NACCC.

Rich Carson, Director of Clark County Community Development sent a letter to Doug which requests NACCC co-sponsor a forum with The Columbian and the American Planning Association. The forum would focus on State Initiative 993, proposed state property compensation law which is similar to Oregon's Measure 37. A vote was taken and it was decided that Doug should contact Rich and clarify the timeline and expectations of a commitment. Doug will report at the next meeting.

Jim Jacks, SW Washington Public Liaison with the Governor's Office announced that the Governor would like people from this part of the state to serve on boards and commissions. He passed out a list of vacancies and encouraged anyone who wanted to apply, to go to the governor's web site which has complete instructions www.governor.wa.gov Currently Washington has 230 boards and commissions and 1,800 people serving on them. This area, however, is under-represented. Jim Jacks can be contacted at (360) 816-2216 or by e-mail at Jim.Jacks@gov.wa.gov

Bridget suggested forming a state Neighborhood Outreach Commission and announced that the 2008 Neighborhoods USA Conference will be held in Spokane.

Columbia River Crossing project information was presented by Doug Ficco, Kris Strickler and Linda Mullen. \$50 million has been approved to select an option to improve the Columbia River Crossing at I-5. This project is the first phase in selecting and designing a final improvement project that will probably have to serve this area throughout the next century, as the current bridge has done for almost a century. There will be many opportunities for public to weigh in on this and influence the final design. Open houses are scheduled for 4:30-7:30 pm on April 12 at Hudson's Bay High School and April 13 at the Red Lion at Jantzen Beach. Doug also encouraged neighborhood associations to invite his team for presentations at their neighborhood meetings in the coming months. For more information you can contact Doug Ficco, PE Co-Project Director (360) 816-2200 or (503) 256-2726 x2200 ficcod@columbiarivercrossing.org

Sgt. Mike Cooke, CCSO Outreach introduced himself and plans to attend NACCC meetings in the future. Sgt. Cooke has a varied of responsibilities with the Sheriff's Office including promoting community policing. He can be contacted at West Precinct, 397-6079 or by e-mail at Mike.Cooke@clark.wa.gov

Sammy Award Nominations are being requested. Contact Joni McAnally 397-2022 or Joni.McAnally@clark.wa.gov

Ila Stanek, announced that the West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association on Wednesday, March 15, will host representatives from the Port of Vancouver to address potential truck routes and proposed port development. The meeting will be at the Clearwater Springs Assisted Living facility at 201 NW 78 Street from 6:30 – 8 pm

Milada Allen announced the Felida Park picnic shelter and tables dedication which will be on Saturday, March 25 at 11:30 am. Commissioner Morris will be the guest speaker. Also representatives from the Parks Dept. and BIA will be on the agenda to celebrate community partnerships. April 16 (mid April-ish) planned ceremony for Erickson's Park groundbreaking. April 19 annual Felida Neighborhood meeting and elections. Announced that Jamie Allen is the liaison for Crawford Park Advisory Committee.

Dick Durland announced that the methadone clinic is open for business and has 15 clients. No incidents to report. Additionally a representative from CRC has requested to attend a NACCC meeting in the future.

George Vartanian suggested that we dedicate a NACCC meeting to association leadership and not invite speakers.

Doug Ballou
Chairman, NACCC
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